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Applicant: Matthew Heidner

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Serial No.: 10/032,962

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Docket No.: 1001.1479101

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Amendment

[] No additional claim fee required

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	(3)	(4)	(5)	SMALL ENTITY		OTHER	
	REMAINING CLAIMS	HIGHEST PAID	EXTRA	RATE	ADD'L FEE	RATE	ADD'L FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	-	=		X 9=	\$	X 18=	\$
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	-	=		X 43=	\$	X 86 =	\$
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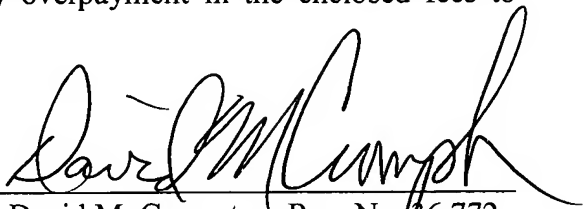
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[] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 has been established.

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Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed February 18, 2004, with a shortened statutory period set to expire on March 18, 2004. This paper is filed within the set period for response such that no extension of time is necessary.

Please consider the following amendments and/or remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.